

REMARKS

This Application has been reviewed carefully in light of the Office Action mailed January 16, 2007 ("Office Action"). Claims 1-17 are pending in the Application, and the Examiner rejects all pending claims. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Nonstatutory Double Patenting Rejections

The Examiner rejects Claims 1-17 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as unpatentable over Claims 1, 4, 7, and 14 of U.S. Patent No. 6,925,593. *Office Action*, pp. 3-4. Also, the Examiner rejects Claims 1-17 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as unpatentable over Claims 1, 8, 13, and 20 of U.S. Patent No. 6,850,956. *Id.*

Although Applicant does not necessarily agree with or acquiesce to the Examiner's comments regarding the claims of the present Application or their purported relationship to the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,925,593 and U.S. Patent No. 6,850,956, Applicant submits the attached Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) to overcome these rejections. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1-30.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has made an earnest attempt to place the Application in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of all pending claims.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the Examiner is invited to contact Kurt M. Pankratz, Attorney for Applicant, at the Examiner's convenience at (214) 953-6584.

Applicant believes no fees are due; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

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